

Dear Mr. Powell:

In order to have a viable democratic republic we need to have a variety of responsible news sources.

If one company owns more than one news source the probability is that news will be similar on their entities in order to save money and therefore make more profit. The media are not simply another money making industry. They are powerful agents for providing the basis for good judgment of situations and realities. Mr. Powell, I believe it is inherently anti-democratic to permit one company to own all or most of the sources of information available to the citizenry. Please do not weaken the regulations that forbid one company to own TV and newspaper in the same city.

Thank you.

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